

CCM 2012 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

S.B. 442, "An Act Concerning the Prevention of Urban Youth Delinquency and Violence"

CCM supports this bill.

SB 442 would, among other things, establish a Young Adults Conservation Corps to reduce youth violence on our urban communities.

The bill would provide financial support for municipal and other programs that provide much needed learning, growth opportunities for youth.

Many studies have shown that youth who have mentorship relationships, jobs, tutoring and recreational activities are much less likely to engage in risky behavior, which decreases the likelihood of involvement with the criminal justice and social services systems. Further, such endeavors help build the self-esteem of young people.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report this bill.

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